

Teach me Your ways, O Lord . . .

The Gospel of Luke today is at the beginning of Christ's public ministry. He reads the Prophet Isaiah to his fellow townspeople and then tells them that the Scripture is fulfilled there, in their midst. We know that through the ministry of Jesus lots of people followed Him. We also know that lots of people did not follow Him because they did not want to accept His complete teachings.

This is the same today. The challenge of this Sunday is this: will we follow Christ in His Church or will we go our own way? We cannot claim to be following Christ if we do not accept what He teaches. Jesus tells us: come, follow me. Let us walk with Him and in Him find our peace.

A point worth pondering on is: does our behaviour at home, at work or among our friends indicate that the spirit of the Lord is guiding our lives?



Mass Intentions

Monday	Souls of Kathleen & John Gallagher
Tuesday	Soul of Lucy Kwok Chan Soul of Annie Yao Soul of Victoria Yuk Fong Wong
Wednesday	Intention of Juliet Pabalan Cruz
Thursday	Soul of Angelita Vera Cruz
Friday	Soul of John Frederick Jack Wilson

PRAYER REQUEST LINE
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The Ordering of Time

This is the second weekend of Ordinary Time as the Christmas Season concluded on January 13th with the celebration of Christ's Baptism and the Wedding Feast in Cana marked the first weekend in Ordinary Time.

This period is called Ordinary Time not because it is considered common but simply because the weeks of Ordinary Time are numbered. The Latin word ordinalis, which refers to numbers in a series, stems from the Latin word ordo, from which we get the English word order.

Thus, the numbered weeks of Ordinary Time, in fact, represent the ordered life of the Church—the period in which we live our lives neither in feasting (as in the Christmas and Easter seasons) or in more severe penance (as in Advent and Lent), but in watchfulness and expectation of the Second Coming of Christ.

It's appropriate, therefore, that the Gospel for the Second Sunday of Ordinary Time (which is actually the first Sunday celebrated in Ordinary Time) always features either John the Baptist's acknowledgment of Christ as the Lamb of God or Christ's first miracle—the transformation of water into wine at the wedding at Cana.

Thus for Catholics, Ordinary Time is the part of the year in which Christ, the Lamb of God, walks among us and transforms our lives. There's nothing "ordinary" about that! The liturgical colour of Ordinary Time that you see the priest wearing and featured on the banners and elsewhere in the church is green which represents hope--like the hope we feel when we see the first buds in springtime--and it is thus fitting that green is the liturgical color that marks this season. The color also brings to mind the lush grasses and summer crops that sustain animals and people throughout the year. This leads naturally to seeing green as a sign of hope and life.

The Gospels are laid out so that we read through, in each of the three years, Mark(A), Matthew(B) and Luke's(C) gospels, one after another, taking us through the life of our Lord, as presented by the three gospels. Presently we are in year C reading through Luke's gospel.

The First Reading is carefully chosen from the Hebrew Scriptures (the Old Testament) so that important passages are chosen to bring out a connection with the Sunday gospels. Sometimes, when we are preparing for Mass, it is helpful to read the Gospel reading first so that we can appreciate why the First Reading was chosen. Then, when we read the Gospel a second time, the connection helps us.

The Second Reading is taken from the letters of the Apostles Paul and James. These readings are arranged so that we can get a good sense of these important messages, but the readings are not linked to the Gospel.

John Humphries

January 27, 2019



OLEG SAMOKHIN PIANO RECITAL

Saturday March 2, 7:30 p.m.

Our organist/pianist for the 10:30 and 12:15 masses achieved a great deal of fame as a concert pianist in Russia before coming to Canada. Many of you have heard his exceptional renditions of many styles not only at the masses but at various parish functions.

Oleg is holding a recital here in the sanctuary on the above date. You and your friends and relatives will not want to miss his dazzling performance of the wonderful music of Beethoven, Schumann, and Schubert. **Reserved tickets** are \$20, \$25, and \$30 and may be purchased by:

1. Speaking to Greg Benoit after the Sunday masses or by calling him at 647-296-6851 or emailing him at greg.benoit@rogers.com

2. Logging on to <http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/4056351> and using Visa or debit to reserve your seat from the seating chart. Your ticket will be emailed or mailed to you.

3. Calling Brown Paper Tickets at 1-800-838-3006 ext.1 and telling the attendant you would like to purchase tickets for the Piano Recital by Oleg Samokhin. You can have your name and seat number put on a list to be confirmed when you arrive or have your ticket emailed or mailed to you.

Tickets at the door will be \$35. A considerable portion of the proceeds will be donated back by Oleg to our Parish for use where most needed.

Come join us for a most inspirational evening!

CWL Membership Drive

If you missed our sign up last weekend- No Problem! You are invited to contact us anytime at St.lukesw2018@gmail.com or come to our next general membership meeting **Tuesday, February 19th** after mass at 7:30 pm in the church hall. Come and see what projects we have planned for 2019. The theme for this new year is "Care for our Common Home". We need your gifts and talents- even if it is for just one project or fellowship in prayer. There is a great opportunity to grow in faith and service to our community. All women are welcome ages 16 and up! Reminder to all our current members, time to renew your membership for 2019. We will be collecting at the next general meeting.

WORLD DAY FOR CONSECRATED LIFE

On Saturday, February 2nd, the Church celebrates the World Day for Consecrated Life.

In the Archdiocese of Toronto, we are blessed to have living and serving among us more than 900 religious men and women of 100 different religious congregations. This World Day for Consecrated Life is a wonderful opportunity for us to thank God for the gifts of these religious sisters, brothers and priests and to pray for God's blessing upon them in their efforts to faithfully live the evangelical counsels of poverty, chastity and obedience.

Bishop Wayne Kirkpatrick will preside at a **special Mass on Sunday, February 3rd at 3:00 p.m.** at **St. Paul's Basilica**, 83 Power St., Toronto in celebration of the vocation and witness of these special men and women religious who are such a vital and important part of the life and ministry of the Church in our Archdiocese. All are welcome to attend.

ECUMENICAL PRAYER SERVICE

TO CELEBRATE

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2019

Theme: **JUSTICE, ONLY JUSTICE, YOU SHALL PURSUE** (Deuteronomy 16:20)

Organized by the Greater Toronto Area Christian Council of Churches, the prayer service will be led by Catholic, Anglican and Orthodox bishops, along with leaders from Christian churches in the GTA.

WHEN: Sunday January 27, 2019 AT 4:30 PM

WHERE: St. James Anglican Cathedral,
106 King St. East, Toronto

CWL Comfort and Warmth Drive

The St. Luke's CWL would like to thank all the parishioners who donated socks to our boxes. With the additional hats and mittens collected by St. Rene Goupil/St. Luke's and St. Anthony's schools- **WE REACHED OUR GOAL OF OVER 2019 ITEMS!**

Your generosity was shared with Out of the Cold, 360 Kids and Juliette's Place Women's shelter.